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SUBJ: ROGEZ HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

REF: LONDON 8702; TANANARIVE 1183(NOTAL)

LONDON PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE PARAS 1-3 OF FOLLOWING TO JERRY CAPKA,
KAISER ENGINEERS

1. DURING RECENT CALL ON MALALGASY DIRECTOR OF MINES AND ENERGY RAZAF IN-
DRATANDRA, SEP 11, EMBOFF INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF GOMR PLANNING ON ROGEZ HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT. RAZAFINDRATANDRA INDICATED GOMR STUDY OF PROJECT WAS PROGRESSING QUITE WELL AND THAT GOMR IS HOPING PRO-JECT CAN BE INITIATED NEXT YEAR. HE INDICATED THAT, IN ADDITION TO KAISER PROPOSAL, GOMR ALSO STUDYING FRENCH, JAPANESE, AND CANADIAN SUBMISSIONS AND THAT WORLD BANK WAS STILL CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECT. IN MENTIONING FRENCH PROPOSAL, HE REFER-RED TO POSSIBLE FAC FINANCING. (THIS IS FIRST WE HAVE HEARD THAT FAC INVOLVEMENT POSSIBLY BEING CONSIDERED FOR THIS PROJECT.)

2. RAZAFINDRATENDRA INDICATED GOMR VERY INTERESTED IN KAISER PROP-
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OSAL AND IT IS AMONG THOSE RECEIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. HE NOT-

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ED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN KAISER ON JUL 26 REQUESTING SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

3. RE PROPOSED FERRO-CHROME PLANT FOR MORAMANGA AREA WHICH WOULD MAKE USE OF POWER ROGEZ HYDROELECTRIC PLANT, RAZAFINDRATANDRA INDICATED THAT FRENCH FIRM UGINE KUHLMANN (NOW OPERATING CHROMITE MINE) HAS DECIDED IT CANNOT PUT UP ALL NECESSARY CAPITAL ITSELF AND IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FINANCING. IN THIS CONTEXT DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE FIRMS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN.

4. RAZAFINDRATANDRA'S REMARK ABOUT POSSIBLE INITIATION OF PROJECT NEXT YEAR SUGGESTS GOMR IS MOVING AHEAD MORE RAPIDLY THAN PREVIOUSLY APPEARED IN CONSIDERATION OF VARIOUS FINANCING PROPOSALS. FOR THIS REASON WE FEEL THAT KAISER MAY WELL WISH TO CONSIDER POSSIBLITY OF SENDING REP TO TANANARIVE TO ESTABLISH CLOSE CONTACT WITH MALAGASY OFFICIALS IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS ON THIS MATTER. WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO JUDGE WHEN SUCH DIRECT ON-THE-SCENE INTERVENTION BY KAISER MIGHT BE MOST USEFUL, IT COULD WELL BE SOME TIME DURING NEXT FEW MONTHS. DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER PASSING ON EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON THIS MATTER TO KAISER OFFICE IN WASH.
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